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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR INVITING AND CREATING ACCOUNTS
FOR PROSPECTIVE USERS OF AN INSTANT MESSAGING SYSTEM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, after the title, insert the following new paragraph:

This application claims the priority of International Application No.

PCT/SG00/00070, filed May 12, 2000 and the benefit of U.S. provisional application
number 60/203,928, filed May 12, 2000.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend now pending claims 3-5, 7-10, and 13-20 with the following
complete set of claims: